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SUBJECT: PROPOSED CHANGES IN U.S. TARIFF TREATMENT OF HIGH
PRECISION WATCHES; SOVIET WATCH PRODUCTION

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1. SOVIET WATCH PRODUCTION SUBSTANTIAL. LATEST OFFICIAL STATISTICS
AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY SHOW PRODUCTION TOTALED 55.1 MILLION PIECES IN
1975, 31.3 MILLION OF WHICH WERE WRIST WATCHES. MORE DETAILED
BREAKDOWN CATEGORIES SOVIET WATCH PRODUCTION NOT AVAILABLE, BUT
OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF PRODUCTION CONVENTIONAL TIME PIECES.

2. SOVIET CLOCK AND WATCH EXPORTS INCLUDING MECHANISMS TOTALED 15.7
MILLION PIECES IN 1974, AND 16.2 MILLION IN 1975, ACCORDING TO SOVIET
EXPORT STATISTICS. PRINCIPAL CUSTOMERS WERE POLAND 2.15 MILLION,
U.K. 1.17 MILLION, HUNGARY 1.1 MILLION, AND RUMANIA 2.15 MILLION.
SOVIET STATISTICS REPORT EXPORTS OF 972,177 PIECES VALUED AT 1,775,00
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RUBLES TO U.S. IN 1974, AND 677,227 VALUED AT 1,353,000 RUBLES IN
1975. THIS INFORMATION IS DIFFICULT WITHOUT FURTHER EXPLANATION
TO RECONCILE WITH U.S. OFFICIAL STATISTICS WHICH SHOW NO WATCH IMPORT
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FROM USSR IN 1975 OR NEGLIGIBLE WATCH IMPORTS OF 1,870 DOLLARS OF
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POCKET WATCHES, WRIST WATCHES AND OTHER WATCHES (SITC NUMBER 86441)
IN 1974.

3. IN ORDER TO OBTAIN
ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND ON SOVIET WATCH INDUSTRY AND ATTEMPT
EXPLAIN ABOVE DISCREPANCY, EMBASSY HAS REQUESTED APPOINTMENTS WITH
APPROPRIATE SOVIET ORGANIZATIONS.

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